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## Important Dates

**Tue, Nov 14:** Site Council Meeting, 5-6:30 PM

**Tue, Nov 14:** [PTA Social Event](#), 6:30-8:00 PM, Harriet's Inn

**Wed, Nov 15:** [Early Release Day](#)

**Thu, Nov 16:** [Give to the Max Day](#)

**Nov 22-24:** No School: Thanksgiving Holiday  
**Thu, Nov 30:** [STEAM Night](#), 5-7 PM  
**Dec 4-8:** Spirit Week  
**Wed, Dec 6:** [Early Release Day](#)  
**Wed, Dec 6:** 5th Grade Open House, 6-8 PM

[See the full calendar for more info](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAST Student Reports

FAST student reports have been mailed to all families. Please contact the main office at (612) 668-4040 if you did not receive your student's report.

FAST stands for Formative Assessment System for Teachers. FAST assessments help us determine your student's achievement level and allow us to measure academic growth in the areas of reading and math. The aReading and aMath assessments are given on a computer, each take about 10-30 minutes, and the assessments get harder or easier based on how your student responds.

FAST student reports describe how your student performed on the Fall aReading and aMath assessments. As with any test, we recognize that this score does not tell us everything there is to know about your student's reading or math ability. Your student's teachers will use this as one tool in addition to other information gathered throughout the school year to understand how your student is progressing in grade-level reading and math. If you have additional questions about your student's FAST results, please feel free to reach out to Angie Ness at [angie.ness@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:angie.ness@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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### It's Cold Outside



As we move closer to the winter season, here's a reminder on how MPS handles school during bad weather.

The Superintendent makes the decision to cancel school or after-school activities based on the safety of our students and staff, severity and timing of weather, and the ability for buses and cars to travel safely.

If the Superintendent decides to cancel school or activities, we will let you know by phone calls, texts, social media, website, radio, and your local news television station.

See the district's [weather-related school closing information](#) for more details.

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### It's Cold Inside

The building is cold in some classrooms. We are working closely with the engineer and the district to address the cold. Please send your student(s) with a sweater or a sweatshirt to stay warm in the classroom. Students will not be allowed to wear coats and jackets in classrooms. These should stay in their lockers during school.

We do go outside for movement everyday, unless the temperature is zero degrees or feels like zero degrees outside. Please bring hats and gloves! If you need support with any winter gear please see our [social workers and counselors](#).

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## Winter Musical - *Lion King Jr.*

Registration has begun for the musical at Justice Page. Visit the Community Education Youth Programs website to download a flyer or to [register online](#). This year we are doing Disney's *Lion King, Jr.* Students have the opportunity to participate in the cast, tech crew, pit orchestra and makeup/costume crew. The show will be performed on March 2 and 3 at 6:30pm.



Here are some important things to note:

- The deadline to register to be in the cast is next Tuesday, November 14. All students who register by that date will be in the show. Auditions will be December 11 and 12 (see the [registration form](#) for a complete list of dates). All cast members will have chance to try out for a part. No one will be cut after auditions. There will be an Intersession class for students in the cast. They will also be able to select one other Intersession class.
- There will also be an Intersession class for Tech Theatre students. This class is optional but recommended and will include training on lights and sound.
- Tech Theatre and Makeup/Costume Crew classes are limited to 15 students. Registration will be open until those classes are full.
- The Pit Orchestra is by audition only. Interested students should contact Mr. Prichard at [sean.prichard@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:sean.prichard@mpls.k12.mn.us) and set up a time to audition before registering.
- Financial aid and payment plans are available. Please email JoEllyn Jolstad at [joellyn.jolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:joellyn.jolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us) or call 612-668-4051 if you would like more information about this.

The [paper registration form](#) also includes details about class meeting/rehearsal times.

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## Middle School Basketball

Middle school basketball will be starting soon! Registration runs from November 13 - 27. The boys basketball team will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm, starting November 27. The girls basketball team will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm, starting November 28. More information, as well as registration forms, can be found on the [Athletics page of the JPMS website](#).

Questions? Contact Mr. Kennedy at [akua.kennedy@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:akua.kennedy@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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## Rhino Report

The latest edition of the Rhino Report is here! For student perspectives on current events, school happenings, art, and more, click here: [Rhino Report Vol. 3 Issue 2](#).

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## EVENTS

### Release Day Reminder

We will have 3 [early release days](#) in 2nd quarter: November 15, December 6, and January 24. On these days, school will end at 12:45, and buses will arrive at 12:50 to pick up students. We appreciate your support and flexibility.

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### PTA Gets Social at Harriet's Inn

Join us on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm for a parents' night out at Harriet's Inn, [4000 Lyndale Ave S](#). Meet other JPS parents and grab a nosh or drink. Harriet's is offering our group drink specials (\$4 select taps and \$5 wine) from 6:30-8:00. Plus, if you make an early donation to Justice Page Middle School for Give to the Max at this event, we'll enter your name in a drawing for some great new JPS spirit wear! We hope to see you there!

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### STEAM Night

Mark your calendars! Thursday, November 30 will be the Justice Page Middle School STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Night. Join us from 5:00 to 6:30 PM for hands-on STEAM activities including deconstructing old computers and other electronics, LEGO rubber band car races, stomp rockets, circuit blocks, a community art project, and much more!

But that's not all! Stick around from 6:30 to 7:00 PM for our Tamale Dinner fundraiser featuring live music! These are the **best** tamales you will find, and they can be yours for \$3 each, or 2 for \$5. Add chips and lemonade for just \$1 more! Supplies are limited, and once they are gone, they're gone. All students at the dinner **must** be accompanied by an adult. All proceeds will go towards the Justice Page Maker's Space.



This year's event is open to **all grades**. For more information, contact Mr. Koupal at [travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:travis.koupal@mpls.k12.mn.us).

Want to volunteer? We would love to have you! Contact our Family Liaison Joan Spehar at [joan.spehar@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:joan.spehar@mpls.k12.mn.us).

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### Café Lit

Attention parents of 6th graders: Café Lit is coming! Café Lit will take place on December 7 and 8 during 6th grade ELA classes. Please join us to hear original stories written and illustrated by our 6th graders. This project is inspired by the book *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman, with help from Ms. Granse (Padilla), Ms. Marr and Ms. Elissa. Refreshments and good vibes served.

Atención padres de alumnos de 6º grado: ¡Café Lit viene! Café Lit llevará a cabo el 7 y 8 de diciembre, durante las clases de "ELA" de 6º grado. Favor de venir para escuchar cuentos escritos e ilustrados por cada alumno del 6º grado a través de una recitación estilo "café". Pregúntale a su estudiante qué día presentarán. Su trabajo es inspirado por el libro *Seedfolks* por Paul Fleischman con la ayuda de Sra. Granse (Padilla), Sra. Marr y Sra. Elissa. Se sirven refrescos y buena onda.

## Page Party: Dads' Inaugural Bonfire



Minnesotans don't let the weather stop us from having fun! Being a man in Minnesota adds an extra element of heartiness that can best be celebrated around a FIRE. Add beer, hot rum and cider, snacks, great music, and most important, good company and you have a recipe for a memorable winter night. Dress warm as manliness points will be deducted for going inside! [Tickets available here.](#)

This is our second Page Party of this school year. Page Parties are hosted by parents at their homes or other locations. The hosts cover the costs of the event, and the attendees buy tickets online, the proceeds of which go to the PTA to support classroom needs and enrichment activities.

Even if you don't have a party idea, we can help you come up with one. Let us know if you're interested in hosting by emailing Beth Gyllstrom at [bethgyllstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:bethgyllstrom@yahoo.com), and read more about Page Parties on [the PTA website](#).

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## VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS WANTED

### Volunteers Needed for 6th Grade Science

Ms. Halbach's 6th grade science class will be making catapults in the Maker's Space, November 17-21. Parent volunteers are needed to help students use tools, build their designs, and test their final prototypes. You're welcome to volunteer during one or multiple class periods:

4th hour: 11:25 - 12:21

5th hour: 12:55 - 1:49

6th hour: 1:53 - 2:47

7th hour: 2:51 - 3:45

Please email Beth Halbach at [elizabeth.halbach@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:elizabeth.halbach@mpls.k12.mn.us) if you would like to volunteer!

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## Reading to Learn

Mr. Nutter and Ms. Peterson, 7th grade social studies teachers, would like to purchase classroom sets of the book *Day of Tears* by Julius Lester. This novel will take students into the minds of slaves and masters as they follow a young girl's journey from slavery to a life of freedom.

The themes presented in this story will also allow students to engage in extension activities that include research projects, readers' theater, role-playing, and various writing exercises.

If you'd like to help purchase these books, [donations can be made on Donors Choose](#).

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## Gift Cards Needed

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, Page's social workers are holding a gift card drive to help our students and families.

Gift cards help struggling families with the holidays and beyond. We would love to have gift cards on hand to distribute where help is most needed. In particular, gift cards from the following stores would be most useful: Cub, Walmart, Super America, and Target. Cards in any amount are welcome!

If you have gift cards you'd like to donate to this cause, please drop them off with Cassie Zonnefeld (room 105C), or in the main office.

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## PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2017 Give to the Max Day

Help Justice Page celebrate **Give to the Max Day** on November 16! Consider a donation to Justice Page PTA either by scheduling a donation now or by making a donation on November 16. Either way, your donation may randomly be selected by the GiveMN organization to have \$500, \$1000, or even \$10,000 added to it!



This year the PTA will be using the funds raised on Give to the Max Day to improve health and wellness for our Page students. In addition to the **Rhino Room**, a space that will allow students to process, de-stress, and refocus, the PTA is hoping to raise funds to install new water fountains with **water bottle filling stations** as well. Keeping students hydrated will boost both moods and brainpower, and just think of all the plastic bottles that we could keep out of landfills!

The Justice Page PTA would love to raise at least \$8,000 toward this cause. We all know how hard it is to be a kid today. Wouldn't it be worth spending **just \$10 per student** to improve their health & wellness?

Justice Page Middle School PTA [donations can be made here](#). Thank you and your families for supporting Justice Page!

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### Last Call for Turkeys!



You still have this week to order a Thanksgiving CSA share from Tangletown Gardens. Make your holiday meal preparation easier and kick off a season of holiday giving! Remember, 10% of your spending at Tangletown Gardens Online Shoppe will be donated to Justice Page Middle School PTA. Make your life easier AND help our school! For more information on Thanksgiving shares and our Tangletown fundraiser, visit the [Justice Page PTA website](#).

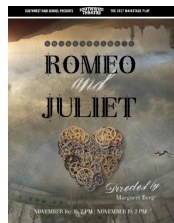
Thank you [Tangletown Gardens](#) for being such a great community partner!

Questions? Contact Stephanie Willingham at [stephanieawillingham@icloud.com](mailto:stephanieawillingham@icloud.com).

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## PERFORMING ARTS

### Southwest High School Presents: *Romeo and Juliet*



Revisit this romantic tragedy between the feuding Capulets and Montagues in steampunk style. Retro-futuristic technologies and familial tensions tear at the heart of Romeo and Juliet's forbidden love.

The show runs from November 16 - 19, and tickets are on sale now. Don't miss out! [Pick your seats online here](#).

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## Do You Have News to Share?

Send all stories, ideas, and comments to the *Around the Horn* editors at [JPMSCommunications@gmail.com](mailto:JPMSCommunications@gmail.com).

**Deadline for submission is Friday the week before publication at 5:00 pm.**

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